



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hidehiko FUNAOKA et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1771

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Examiner: **Victor S.CHANG**

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For: **MICROPOROUS POLYOLEFIN MEMBRANE, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME**

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 27-29 are pending in this application. No amendment has been made herein.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-10 and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection, and therefore traverse it. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.